

Politics In Dry Run

By Erin Martin

While walking down a street anywhere in the United States, an observer will probably overhear two subjects being almost universally discussed—the weather and politics. Every four years, however, the talk tends to lean toward the political angle. This is because every four years America's political parties hold National Conventions to determine who will run for the Presidency of the United States—the awesome position that many young men, and maybe now even young women, have aspired to for years. For a Dubuque student whose aspirations may be somewhat more realistic this year—such aspirations as being a delegate to a convention, a state chairman, or even a political hopeful's campaign manager, can be met at the Mock Democratic National Convention.

The mock convention, being sponsored by the Loras Student Senate, the Clarke Student Association and Loras College, is planned for March 22 and 23 at the Loras Fieldhouse.

The mock political convention is not a new idea at Loras. This is the fifth such convention, the first being held in 1956. The 1972 convention has been in the planning stages for months and care has been taken to see that it will be run on the same order as the Democratic National Convention to be held in August in Miami. The only difference will be in the number of delegates, which must be limited to 1,000 because of the size limitations of the Loras facilities.

Co-chairmen for the Convention are Joe Hauer and Jim Hurm. Eight Regional chairmen have also been selected. In charge of the Eastern States delegation is Clarke.

Ralph Smith; Western States, Joe Hammell; Upper Midwest, Pat McAndrews; Middle South, Ed Flood; New England, Jerry Feuerhelm; Border States, Dan Corken; Rocky Mountain States, Debbie Vasicek; and Southern States, Marcia Swanson.

In addition to the regional chairmen, state chairmen, and the delegates themselves, convention officers such as Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Reading Clerks, and Tally Clerks will be needed. Presently, ten Democrats have announced their candidacy for the Presidency: Muskie, McGovern, Humphrey, Yorty, Lindsey, McCarthy, Hartke, Wallace, Jackson and Chisholm. Campaign managers will be needed for these people, as well as for any other politicians who may have not yet announced their candidacy.

The selection of a keynote speaker has also been undertaken by the planning committee. Several top Democratic figures, including Senators Kennedy, Tunney, Gravel, Humphrey and Hughes have indicated an interest in speaking at the convention. It is hoped that a nationally known Democratic figure will address the convention on one day, with a State Democrat speaking on the other day.

As with any successful event, participation is the key word. The success of and educational experience gained from this convention will be determined by the response in both time and effort put forth by the students at Clarke and Loras.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Joe Hauer, Jim Hurm, or Mark McGrath at Loras, and Debbie Vasicek, Julie Ament or Marcia Swanson at Clarke.

SAC Accepts Open Dorms

By Cathy Schulze

Since Nov. 14, the students and faculty of Clarke College have been concerned with the issue of an open dorm policy. It was on this night that an all school meeting was held to introduce such a proposal. The proposal drawn up by the open dorm committee read:

That Clarke College adopt a limited open dorm policy. Open dorm is defined as allowing male visitors in the living quarters of the residents. The policy would be as follows: Friday evenings: 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; Saturday afternoon and evenings: 1 p.m.-12:30

a.m.; and, Sunday afternoons from 1-6 p.m.

The rationale and suggestions for implementation were originally presented and open for comment. On Nov. 15, L-Board passed the above proposal by a vote of 24 yes, 1 no, and 11 abstentions. The original open dorm committee was expanded to work out the implementation with members of the Student Affairs Committee upon this committee's approval of the bill.

At the Dec. 6 meeting, the Student Affairs Committee entertained

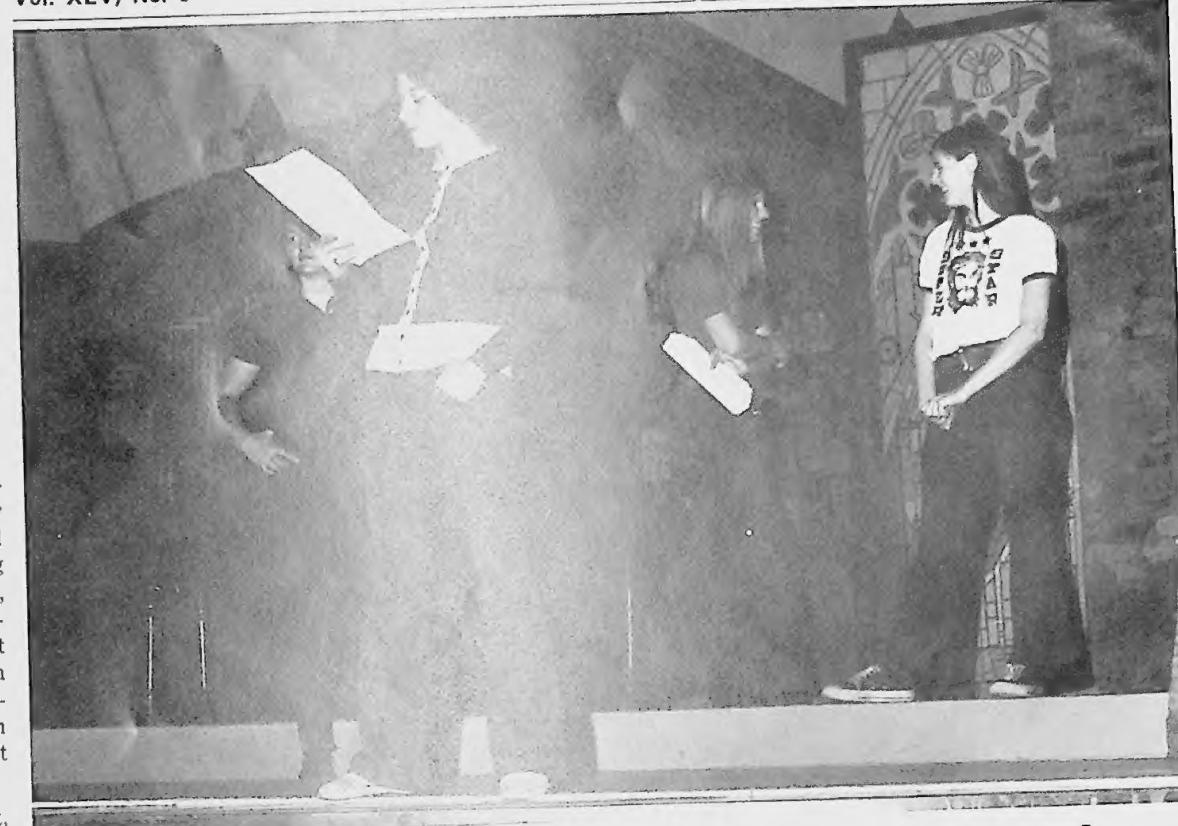
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'Oh? Banana?' Premiers Tonight

"Oh? Banana?" the 18th Annual APO Sneak Preview is ready for presentation on the evenings of Jan. 28, 29, and 30 at 8 P.M. in the St. Joseph Auditorium on the Loras campus. Admission is \$1.50 for Adults and \$2.50 for Couples. APO is a national service fraternity and this annual event is their biggest fund raising project of the year. APO is responsible for such activities as Shamrocks for Distrophy, the Corrigan Blood Drive, and tours, registration, and Parents Day at Loras

comes a satire not only on Catholic schools but all systems in general. The writers have included 18 Broadway musical numbers that will be either solos or smashing group song and dance sequences. Director of the show is Tony DeDario, Loras, with Mr. Joseph Colaluca conducting the stage band. Choreography is attributed to Chris Steiner from Loras, and her Assistant Barb Connor, Clarke. Mike Bugler is the designer of the sets.

Forum: Great Expectations?

By Dottie Haley

"Fairer representation; improved communications; evaluation of Forum's purpose; enrichment of the Clarke community and the individual; and general involvement."

Repeatedly, the seven new student members of Forum, elected Jan. 19, gave these ideas as the reasons for running and their expectations of what should be

achieved during their terms.

Student government is a vital part of Clarke, and currently sections of it are being questioned as to their role and purpose. It is important, then, that the women just elected be conscious of this concern, and be prepared to act.

But the Forum election was nearly non-existent due to lack of nominees. Barely by the deadline,

the students finally nominated enough people to allow a legitimate election. The faculty did not, and their election was postponed until this week.

If a new Forum has not been chosen by Feb. 1, it will be defunct, and its powers returned to the President of Clarke.

The new members of Forum realize the challenge facing them. They must take the responsibility to make it a productive governing body, useful to Clarke.

Following are the reasons for running and hopes of three of the new members:

Lori Ritz: "The Forum role has to be identified: is it serving its real purpose now? This is my major topic of concern." Lori also views her election as an expansion of her involvement at Clarke.

Pat Kennedy: An off-campus student, Pat wants to "represent the OCS, enrich the community and myself," and sees her election to Forum as an opportunity for personal growth. She would like to see the constitution changed to insure the OCS more rights.

Denise Baffoe: "I like Clarke. I'm satisfied with all of it, but I know a majority are disappointed. These kids are often too shy to try to change things themselves; I will be their voice." Denise said she will also try to avoid letting the meetings get bogged down by a few certain people.

The other students elected to Forum are: Margie Corrigan; Mary Jo Hunt; Jane Knapp; Ann Lynch (incumbent).

The names of the faculty elected were not available.

around clarke and the dubuque colleges

A six week study tour entitled 'Contemporary Europe' is being offered to Dubuqueland college students this summer under the direction of Sister Dorothy Hollahan, B.V.M., chairman of the Clarke College sociology dept., and Sister Eileen McGovern, B.V.M., also of the sociology dept. at the college.

The program, which is sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study, will consist of six weeks of formal academic study divided evenly between the University of Rome, the Sorbonne in Paris and Westfield College in London. Six hours of college credit can be earned in various fields.

The purpose of the program will be to teach students as much as possible in the time available about the history, life and customs of Italy, France and Great Britain. The course will also include frequent field trips. The cost of the entire trip is \$995.

Anyone interested in more information should contact either Sr. Dorothy Hollahan, 588-6398 or Sr. Eileen McGovern, 588-6372.

Over the Christmas vacation, Dr. Giroux attended the American Association of Colleges convention in Washington D.C. Dr. Giroux commented that college presidents were mainly concerned about the financial plight of their schools.

Generally, industrial and private support to the schools is slackening because of the tight economic situation the United States is presently plagued by. He noted a spirit of unrest about the future. Colleges cannot keep raising tuitions, because they have to meet their expenses. Dr. Giroux was hopeful the Higher Education Act currently under debate in the House and Senate would be passed. This bill would not only give financial grants to student candidates but would also subsidize the college that student wishes to attend.

A large variety of prints done by John Kosolcharoen, art instructor at Clarke College, is currently on display in the Mary Josita Hall formal lounge on the college campus. The prints constitute a portion of the work Kosolcharoen has done in his studies for a Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. A native of Thailand, Kosolcharoen teaches printmaking and intaglio at Clarke. The show will continue for several weeks.

Mrs. Dorothy Lamb of Dubuque is the first recipient of the Julia M. Herr Memorial Scholarship Fund, established last year as a

tribute to Mrs. Herr's outstanding leadership in educational, civic, and religious activities.

The Scholarship Fund is awarded to a woman beyond the usual college age who is continuing her education at one of the Dubuque colleges.

Mrs. Lamb, widowed mother of five children, is a first semester senior at the University of Dubuque. She is preparing for a teaching career.

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Dr. Allen, assistant professor of Clarke's biology dept., participated in the First General Meeting of the CONDUIT organization on Jan. 24-25, at the University of Texas, Austin.

CONDUIT is to be a study of the transportability of computer-based and computer-oriented material for use in higher education. This two year study, funded through the National Science Foundation, is being undertaken by a consortium of five regional computer networks serving seven major universities and nearly 100 smaller institutions of higher education.

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REGISTER & VOTE

This country is now in the hands of young people under the age of 30 and to a greater degree to those under 35, if they want to accept the responsibility. If they do not want to accept the responsibility, they have no one but themselves to blame and should stop whining to their elders.

Some would rather complain than assume responsibilities. However, a nationwide campus opinion poll indicates that voting registrations among collegians is steadily increasing. In a recent survey, just more than six students in every ten indicated that they were registered to vote, either in their home towns, at local elections in college towns, at their home towns or at the local campus addresses. However, those who fear a student takeover may find encouragement in the fact that the majority of students now registered to vote have done so in their home towns.

The poll revealed substantially less interest in state and local elections than in national elections. Of those students who

were registered to vote, only two-thirds said that they planned to vote in the next city election. While this percentage may seem about average, or even high, when compared with participation among all voters in previous elections, it is substantially lower than the 90 per cent of all students who say they plan to vote in the 1972 federal elections.

Elections On A University Campus

A recent election on a Florida campus will put the above survey into some mobile perspective: There are 23,496 students in attendance at the University of Florida who are qualified to vote in a school election. Recently they were asked to elect student senate officers, given the chance to express their opinions of whether a highway should cut through the campus and urged to check one name on a list of the publicized possible Presidential candidates to indicate their favorite.

It was a vote that was being watched and in some cases nurtured by the staffs

of Presidential candidates back in Washington because of the impact of youth participation in the Presidential primaries and because of the major role Florida is expected to play on March 14 when it picks 81 delegates to the Democratic Party Convention.

Of course not all the young people eligible to vote are going to vote. Many will prefer to stay away from the polls even as their elders do.

The contest was quite lively and proved to be interesting. The highway issue caused some excitement. Advertisements for both Senator George McGovern and Senator Edmund Muskie appeared in the widely read campus newspaper, the Florida Alligator. Local politicians watched the election for indicators because of a ruling that allows students to vote here if they establish residence. They too wondered what impact the students would have there in Alachua County with a total voter registration of about 44,000 persons. There have been a

number of voter registration drives since the 18 year olds were franchised, with the total in the country between 18 and 21 now reaching 2,638. However, the total student voter registration at the moment is closer to 5,000 and obviously has the potential to triple until the 30 days prior to any election.

Political Parties College Students Prefer

The political plot gets deeper when the current registration—as it was in 1968—is 36,000 Democrats to 7,000 Republicans and nearly 2,000 Independents. The new student registration drives have produced a nearly five-to-one ratio in favor of the Democrats. And the local law says you cannot switch parties when voting in the Presidential primaries. What importance can all of this have? Plenty, especially when you're a Republican and more importantly when you're the Republican President up for re-election. In this case, the student vote might indicate if he is unpopular with students as national polls do tend to indicate. Americans for Democratic Action say that 40 conservative congressmen will be defeated if college students register and vote in their districts.

Iowa Caucuses

ADA said that they (Congressmen) are now more vulnerable, and also increasingly susceptible to pressures from their new constituents. The Democratic Party primary vote, for example, could give any of the potential candidates a real shot in the arm for their publicity campaigns in other states. And "other states" includes IOWA, where last Monday night Dubuque County Democrats appointed temporary caucus chairmen and laid down the plans for precinct caucuses.

Why a caucus? To elect permanent caucuses chairmen, delegates to the Democratic county Presidential convention and county statutory convention both to be held February 26, and committeemen and committeewomen to the party's county central committee.

The youth of America has been granted a privilege and an honor in securing the right to vote. But with rights comes responsibilities and in this case the responsibility lies in our concern for mankind. I see only one solution to the problem of lack of political interest: CONCERN THROUGH INVOLVEMENT!

by mary jo hunt, political science reporter

1960 Less than 1 percent of the popular vote put John F. Kennedy into the Presidency over Richard Nixon. Kennedy, 49.71; Nixon, 49.55.

1968 Less than 1 percent of the popular vote put Richard Nixon into the Presidency over Hubert Humphrey. Nixon, 43.16; Humphrey, 42.73.

1972 8 percent of the voting-age population will be made up of the eighteen-to twenty-one-year-olds.

State	You must register by: primary election general election	Where to go/ write/phone	Residency requirement	You must be 18 by	Can you register absentee?
Ill.	In doubt	In doubt	County clerk or election commissioner	6 mos. in state	Nov. 7 Yes
Ind.	Deadline: April 3 Primary: May 2 (P)	October 9	Clerk of circuit court or bd. of registration	6 mos. in state; 60 days in township; 30 days in precinct	Nov. 7 for general May 2 for primary Yes
Iowa	Deadline: May 27 Primary: June 6	October 28	City clerk or county auditor	6 mos. in state; 60 days in county	Nov. 7 for general June 6 for primary Yes
Mich.	Deadline: July 7 Primary: August 8#	October 7#	Township, city or village clerk	6 mos. in state; 4 wks. in town	Nov. 6 for general Aug. 7 for primary Yes
Minn.	Deadline: August 22 Primary: September 12#	October 17#	City, village or town clerk	30 days in precinct	Nov. 7 for general Sept. 12 for primary Yes
Mo.	Deadline: varies July 12 to 15; Primary: Aug. 8	Varies October 11 to October 14	Board of election commissioners or county clerk	1 yr. in state; 60 days in county; 10 days in pre- cinct (in some counties) 6 mos. in state; 40 days in county; 10 days in precinct	Nov. 7 for general Aug. 8 for primary Currently being established
Nebr.	Deadline: April 28 Primary: May 9 (P)	October 27	Election commission- er or county clerk	6 mos. in state; 40 days in county; 10 days in precinct	Nov. 7 for general May 9 for primary Yes
Ohio	Deadline: March 22 Primary: May 2 (P)	September 27	County board of elections	6 mos. in state; 40 days in county and precinct	Nov. 7 for general and primary No
Wis.	Deadline: varies March 15 to March 22 Primary: April 4 (P)	October 18 to 25	City or county board of election commis- sioners or city clerks	6 mos. in state; 10 days in precinct	Nov. 7 for general April 4 for primary Yes

book review

boss: richard j. daley of chicago

What happens to a dream NEVER deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? Hardly, if you are Mayor Richard J. Daley—the seventy-year-old super mayor of Chicago. So infers Mike Royko, a clever, terse, and talented writer in his biography entitled BOSS: MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY OF CHICAGO. Royko is a daily columnist for the Chicago Daily News. He is the recipient of the Heywood Broun award of the American Newspaper Guild for his coverage of the 1968 Democratic National Convention. One can imagine how with credentials like these, the author is well-informed but consequently biased. The biography is biased. It was intended to be in order to shake a few heads.

Royko divides his biography into chapters lead by excerpts from the Chicago Conspiracy trial. They were objected to and sustained in the courtroom, but in context of the book the evidence is not irrelevant. For instance, "Kunstler: Mayor Daley, in one of your answers to my questions, you stated something about your instructions to offer hospitality to people coming to Chicago. In view of what you said, did you consider the use of night sticks on the heads of demonstrators hospitable? Foran: Objection, your honor. Hoffman: I sustain the objection." Other issues including the Italian Village scandal, riots following Martin Luther

King's assassination, the bureaucratic mix-up in the Fire Department, and the evacuation of a black couple who moved in the block the Daleys live in, are surveyed and disclosed in the smooth, factual Royko style.

Royko stops short of giving Daley a well-balanced biography. He looks at the Boss, party machine whiz, not as a mayor who just might have improved Chicago quite a lot since he stepped into office. It points out his inadequate integration policies which indeed they are, but makes little or no mention of a good education system and increased job opportunities, for example.

The biography does include a well-done look at Daley's childhood and rise to power. Royko says Daley, who did not begin his political career until he was forty-four, "would forgive anyone of anything short of Republicanism" and when he married Mrs. Daley, "Her parents did not loose a daughter, they gained an employment agency."

When reading this must-book—at least for Chicagoans—remember the Mayor's and Royko's good intentions, but do not be surprised if some day you read the latter has suddenly moved to a new area of the country for "better opportunity."

Apathy has probably become one of the most overworked words on campus in recent years. I'm sure this phenomenon is not confined to our campus or any group of people, but nevertheless it has been discussed at great length when referring to any activities on campus whether it be in class, student government or extra-curricular activities. The purpose of this editorial, however, is not to study apathy at Clarke, in general, as the subject has been practically exhausted to no avail.

I'm not sure anything can be done to interest a large group of students in something happening on campus so I will try to motivate a respectively small group in something I feel is worthwhile but almost totally neglected by the students.

On the first Sunday of every month the Fine Arts Club sponsors films which are shown at 7:30 in ALH. Admission to each film is 25¢, and the films are foreign films classics. Although the week prior to each in the main hallway reviewing the film, the response has been minimal.

Although the series was not originated to "make money" for any group, the small admission fee is designed to pay for the rental of the films. However, because of enough will be made to cover the cost involved. If this is the result, we will find fewer and fewer people willing to bring not sure how prevalent the cliche that "there is nothing to do around here" is,

editorial opinion

but without student interest and participation there is going to be even less.

No one would argue that a quarter is very reasonable for an evening's entertainment. But if this isn't enough to induce student interest, there is another aspect to many of these films. Each of these films could be related to many classes offered here, and it is possible to pick up many good ideas from the films if you are looking for more than good entertainment for your quarter. As an example, photography students missed outstanding portrait shots if they did not attend "Charulata." The beauty and simplicity of the filming would be of interest to anyone interested in photography. This is just one example but there are many more.

The films remaining in the series are "Gate of Hell," "View from the Bridge" and "Henry V." For each film there will again be a bulletin board posted as well as announcements in the Courier.

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Editor's Note: This cartoon is an editorial opinion of Senior Art Major Joyce Gastorf who created it after witness-
ing last week's L-Board meeting. Various opinions have been exchanged lately on whether or not L-Board is
a functioning or functionLESS part of Clarke's student government. Arguments pro and con disbanding L-Board
appear below.

yes! disband!

Compiled from a proposal submitted by
Barb McKay. Written by Mar Middleton
and Nancy Meis.

L-Board presently serves as the main legislative governing body for the students of Clarke College. It is the consensus of some students, however, that L-Board does not function in a representative manner, and therefore should be disbanded in favor of a more efficient and effective organization.

Clarke students, each year, elect representatives of their choice to serve on L-Board. It is the duty of these representatives to attend L-Board meetings and to report back to their constituents as to what proceedings have taken place. L-Board representatives are also encouraged to find out what issues the students would like to have discussed by L-Board and also to find out what future changes Clarke students would like to see enacted.

L-Board representatives are aware of their roles. They are also aware of the fact that some students fail to sound their opinions, hence making it very difficult for few, if any, significant actions to be taken through L-Board.

Most meetings are restricted to one and a half hours. The committee reports, reading of the minutes, and roll call usually take up to one half hour of this time. This leaves one hour for a body of almost 50 members to deal constructively with both major and minor issues brought up in question. Some believe this method to be non-functional. It has been suggested that one

way to alleviate this problem would be to hold a caucus on certain topics. In doing this, only those who are concerned with the question at hand would need to attend, regardless of whether they were elected representatives or not. An outcome of this arrangement might be increased student interest and participation in their college government.

A recent example of L-Board action involves the motion for open dorms which came before L-Board during the first semester. A committee sent out a student questionnaire which was responded to by 92 percent of the resident student body. The results of this questionnaire determined that 98 percent were in favor of some form of open dorms. After several weeks of research and discussion, the motion for Clarke to enact open dorms was defeated by the Student Affairs Committee on Jan. 17.

If this is to be an example of representative student government, considering that the majority of resident students were in favor of open dorms of some type, L-Board demonstrated that it was not able to take a meaningful part in the final decision.

The question of reorganization or total disbandment of L-Board will have to be decided. But to many it is obvious that student participation in the governing of Clarke College is in need of a much more workable system—a system that will serve not only for the students of Clarke, but with them.

we need representation!

By Diane C. Diamond '73 and
Barbara Mills Larkin '73

Believe it or not there is a world outside of Clarke College. A world in which we will enter upon our departure from this fine institution of higher learning and be expected to function efficiently. As we have been told, one of the major functions of education is to prepare the student to be able to perform effectively in society. This waiting world is based upon a system of representative democracy. Therefore, if Clarke is to adequately prepare us to be responsible members of this society, we should have an opportunity to experience this form of government in our own education. This is the reason we feel our system of representative democracy, more specifically L-Board, should continue to exist at Clarke.

As we are all aware, we have little if any voice in selecting the people who actually run Clarke: namely the administration. Therefore, our most vital voice in the governance of our college is through the students we elect to represent us. It is thus the duty and responsibility of every student at Clarke to participate as fully as she can in the governing process.

Of course we realize problems do exist in our present situation. For example, it

has been said that CSA representatives do not truly represent their constituency. However, it is necessary to realize that the blame for this falls on all of us. Just as it is not expected of a senator to call those he represents to ascertain their position on an issue; instead the opposite occurs in this case, his constituency notifies him of their opinions. This should also be the case here at Clarke. The students should contact their CSA reps and voice their problems and opinions on issues. Another problem in this area is the lack of responsible and significant duties delegated to L-Board. This area should be re-examined. Although a great deal has not been accomplished, outside of the open dorm issue, there are many possibilities not yet explored. Lack of initiative on the part of the student body hampers the potential of L-Board.

Privileges are often taken for granted. This is evidenced by the fact that citizens fail to register and another significant percentage fail to vote in local, state, and national elections. Perhaps this is becoming the case here at Clarke. Therefore we urge that L-Board be allowed to continue to exist. It is impossible to function effectively, however, without our active participation and support.

Open Dorms...**Cont'd. from Pg. 1**

ed the issue of open dorms. Members of SAC presented various criticisms of the proposed policy. Some areas of the initial policy vulnerable for concern and comment were:

1. Need the school necessarily provide this privacy?
2. Individual rights of roommates;
3. Could the finances of the school handle the extra costs (security men, alarms, etc.);
4. Would the girls be responsible for enforcing the conditions of implementation. If not, who would—resident faculty and assistants, house council. . . ;
5. Security-wise, Clarke was not built for such a policy;
6. How would such a policy be accepted by parents and administrators?
7. Is it feasible to institute such a policy without a workable implementation procedure immediately available?

After much heated debate, this meeting recessed until January 17, 1972. Discussion began again and upon the decision that the issues of proposal and implementation could not be separated, the question was called. The original open dorm policy was defeated by a vote of 3 for, 11 against, and 1 abstention.

Upon defeat, Sister Diana Malone presented to the SAC another proposal regarding open visitation. It read:

- 1. That we immediately implement open visitation of the residence halls on all Sunday afternoons from 1 to 7.**

a) Guests sign in at the residence hall desk giving their name and the name of their hostess. The guest is escorted at all times by the hostess. (An I.D. of some sort should be left at the desk.)

b) Guests must sign out at or before the "open visitation" closing time.

c) The desk attendant will phone any hostess whose guest has not signed out and the hostess with her wing president or her appointee must either see to it that the guest leaves or prove that the guest has left without signing out.

(1) A guest in the building after the closing time will incur a \$10.00 fine for the hostess.

(2) A guest who fails to sign out, even though he has left before the closing time, will incur a \$5.00 fine for the hostess.

d) The Wing President will arrange and be responsible for a rotational list of wing residents who will check at the open visitation closing time to see that all guests have left her wing. The Wing President will be responsible for making sure that the person who is in charge on a given Sunday is aware of her responsibility.

- 2. That a committee of students and faculty be formed immediately with the intention of studying varying life styles in the residence halls on campus including extension of open visitation. This committee must submit its recommendations to an open meeting on or before March 1.**

This proposal passed in SAC by a vote of 13 for, 0 against, and 3 abstentions. From SAC, the latter proposal was sent to Forum yesterday for this body's approval. Upon consent, this policy will be implemented immediately (arrangements with the individual House Coun-



Trish Corken (left) and Peggy Langheim, two Intersect students.

H. S. Students React to Clarke**By Darlene Gingher**

After two weeks of classes several Dubuque high school seniors are challenged and encouraged by the college atmosphere they are experiencing at Clarke. As part of the first Intersect program, twenty students from Wahlert, Senior and Hempstead are combining completing their high school credits and beginning college-credit courses. Thus far their response is very favorable.

A Wahlert student, Patrick Branion, decided to take two courses here because school was no challenge for him. "Here I'm not ashamed to talk in class. I would not feel embarrassed if I should happen to say anything intelligent. Kids are really thinking in my philosophy class. They are thinking things I would never have thought of."

The boredom of senior year in high school was the cause of most others who joined the program as well. One exception, however, is Peggy Langheim, a petite and clever student from Hempstead who chose to start her college credits a whole semester early. She is taking a standard semester load of fifteen hours besides two

correspondence courses from Hempstead. Peggy also works part time at a department store. By doing all this Peggy hopes to graduate from the University of Iowa at least a semester early.

A grant that matches student tuition costs has made this program quite appetizing for high school seniors. Instead of charging the students the tuition fee of \$50 per semester hour, the Matching Tuition Scholarship approved by the Board of Trustees this fall, reduces the cost to half.

Only one of the interviewed students plans to attend Clarke next year. She is Mary Ellen Hoffmann from Wahlert who is taking a course to see what Clarke is like and decide for sure if she wants to stay in Dubuque. Another Wahlert student, Patricia Corken, had long-planned to finish her high school credits a semester early. She chose Clarke because she heard of its excellent French Department in which she is interested.

Intersect students seem impressed by the personalistic and friendly atmosphere in the halls and classrooms of Clarke. "In fact the first day I was here," Pat Branion explained, "Sr. Katrine introduced me to this guy coming down the hall. It turned out to be the president, Dr. Giroux. And he was really friendly. At four years at Wahlert, I never even met the principal!"

One recognized flaw of the program was the poor publicity for Intersect at the schools. John Schick said that he heard all about the program through his mother, who teaches nutrition at Clarke, instead of his guidance counselor or through advertising. Mary Sue Wilkinson, also from Senior, said that she felt that if there were better publicity, many more students would come. Guidance counselors introduced the program to Wahlert Seniors, but there was no follow-up to the original presentation. At Hempstead, Peggy Langheim joked that her friends did not even know what she was talking about when she said she was taking courses at Clarke.

All that was required for acceptance to Intersect was a recommendation from the high school principal and counselor and from the parents of students. Judging from the comments thus far, therefore, a good opportunity is being utilized by some and could have a more popular and prosperous future.

**Planetarium Show
January Supplement**

How far from earth is the sun? This is one of the questions posed by visitors to Planetarium programs at Clarke. Thousands of years ago people asked the same question. Astronomers and mathematicians tried to find ways to answer. During the January program in the Planetarium the older methods devised by Greek mathematicians will be discussed. Their discoveries will be used as a background for recently developed methods for the determination of distance to the sun, the planets, the stars, and other galaxies.

Among the modern methods used by astronomers at the present time, the use of the Doppler Effect is extremely important. The meaning of the Doppler Effect as it applies both to light and sound will be demonstrated for Planetarium audiences. Ways in which astronomers have used and would like to use the Doppler Effect in studying radio waves received from some parts of the sky will also be discussed.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited. The program will be presented Jan. 30 at 1:30 P.M. and lasts 40 minutes.

cils and Sister Therese Mackin, Dean of Students, being finalized.)

The open dorm committee and the Student Affairs Committee should be commended for the long hours of work that each has contributed to the actualization of any type of legislation concerning the issue of open dorms. More work exists, however, and these committees will continue pursuing the issue until it is resolved.

**Thimmesch Gives Insights
Into 1972 Political Election****By Mary Jo Pullen**

A nationally syndicated columnist, former Dubuque resident and Loras student spoke at Loras Wednesday, January 19, about this peculiar election year.

Mr. Nick Thimmesch in his lecture entitled "Politics of '72" looked first to the lack of humor in the American political system. He then covered such topics as the youth vote, state of the economy, the War, Blacks in America, and political aspirants for the '72 election, both Republican and Democratic.

Mr. Thimmesch predicted that of the 25 million eligible voters between 18 and 24 only 11 million will actually vote next November. This is less than 50 per cent of the youth vote. More surprisingly, only one-third of the vote will be cast by students. When the youth were surveyed as to party affiliations 42 per cent were Independents, 38 per cent Democrats, and 18 per cent Republicans. If the youth turnout is high at the polls the tide of the election will not be radically influenced.

Mr. Thimmesch then reflected on the 60's. After a decade of violence, including the tragedy of war and assassination, Mr. Thimmesch likened the 70's to "the morning after." The economy that was stagnant and inflated is now picking up. Business is better, a record number of new houses are being built, this season's Christmas shopping increased, and the stock market shows gains. "People feel national obesity is a greater problem than starvation," Mr. Thimmesch stated. Businessmen are cautious and are following the statistics, so while we are a nation that prospers, there is an uncertainty that lingers.

On Nixon's foreign policy Mr.

Thimmesch was favorable to the method used in handling minor political crises. He used guarded restraint in such instances as North Korean aggression. That Nixon is "soft on Communism" Thimmesch exemplified by national security expenditures now only 29 per cent of the total budget compared to 63 percent in 1953. The mood of the nation stresses disarmament. Mr. Thimmesch pointed out that the last major urban riot was in 1968. "I don't know if that is healthy or not but it's here." College campuses have also been quiet. Mr. Thimmesch did not know if this was a reaction to the Kent State incident or if students were returning to the books.

Looking at Nixon and Black America, Mr. Thimmesch pointed out that perhaps due to his "benign neglect" there are more middle-class blacks than before Nixon took office, and blacks are now holding better working positions. Mr. Thimmesch feels that because of these changes the black vote will support Nixon in his bid for re-election. One point of interest Mr. Thimmesch gave was that there are now 109 elected blacks in George Wallace's state of Alabama and that southern integration is working.

In a brief description on President Nixon, Mr. Thimmesch said he is a "pugnacious Quaker with a Black-Irish temper." Although he is a good listener in private he lacks important charisma in public which gives him a "cardboard" image. He is "the family lawyer that is not loved but can be depended upon."

Mr. Thimmesch estimated that between seven and eight potential candidates will be running in various primaries. Senator Muskie

AAC Elections

On Thursday, January 20, each of the four classes elected their AAC members. One girl from each of the freshman and senior classes and two nominees from each of the sophomore and junior classes were chosen. The term of office for these girls will extend from this January to next January; however, at the end of this academic year, the senior member graduates and the incoming freshman class elects a member to replace her.

Those girls chosen for the offices were:

Freshman: Linda Sullivan

Sophomores: Jan Strautman, Erin Martin

Juniors: Rita Leitelt, Barbara Mills Larkin

Senior: Suzanne Poland

Should the new constitution be approved, these girls could be called upon to serve as members of an Academic Appeals Board convened for faculty or student academic infractions.



Mr. Nick Thimmesch

is holding the most favorable position, but Ted Kennedy overshadows the whole Democratic campaign, even though he has declared himself not a candidate.

There is one beneficial point in Kennedy's stand not to run. He is able to function as a Party spokesman and in no way damage a political campaign by speaking out strongly against the Republican Party or President Nixon. Senator Muskie has been having a difficult time staying ahead of Senator Kennedy in the polls even though Kennedy is not a candidate.

When Mr. Thimmesch looked at possible Vice-Presidential candidates for President Nixon he thought that Agnew would receive the bid. If Nixon were forced to choose another running mate, Nelson Rockefeller would be a likely second choice. John Connally is expected to return to Texas and retire from the national political spotlight.

Toward the end of his speech Mr. Thimmesch pointed to the political myths that haunt polling booths. One myth is the female vote going for the candidate with the most physical attraction. Nixon carried 51 per cent of the women's vote in '68 but in '68 the vote went to Humphrey after a speech by Nixon on the nuclear arms gap.

Another is that only the youth vote was behind McCarthy, when it was really hawks in New Hampshire discontented over the lack of movement by LBJ.

"Politics '72" ended with Mr. Thimmesch saying that newsmen will be tired when this election year is over, concluding "We're

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